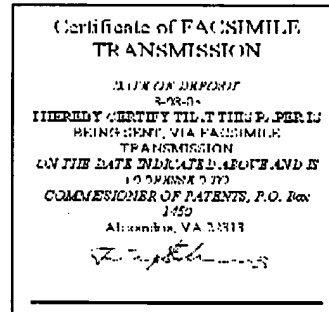


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This amendment and response is being timely filed within the six month statutory period for response set in the Office Action dated November 9, 2004. A petition for one month extension is enclosed herewith.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully solicited based on the remarks set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.